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SUBJ: PERMREPS LUNCHEON APRIL 29: ORGANIZATION OF NATO SUMMIT

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1. IN ADDITION TO OTHER TOPICS (SEPTTEL), AT LUNCHEON ON APRIL 29 AMBASSADORS HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORTH-COMING NATO SUMMIT.

-- ON TIME FRAME: THE CONSENSUS SEEMED TO FAVOR OPENING THE FORMAL MEETING AT 3:30 ON THURSDAY, MAY 29. LOGAN (UK) OBJECTED TO THIS SINCE HIS PRIME MINISTER WAS UNLIKELY TO ARRIVE BEFORE 5:00 P.M. KRAPF (FRG) OBSERVED THAT IT WOULD BE INCONVENIENT FOR CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TO BE PRESENT BEFORE 4:30 P.M. AMBASSADOR BRUCE DREW FULLY ON FIRST SENTENCE OF REFTTEL.

-- ORDER OF EVENTS: LOGAN SAID UK WOULD LIKE TO AVOID A PLENARY SESSION AND TO HAVE THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS GO AT ONCE TO A "RESTRICTED PRESENCE" MEETING ON ALLIED SOLIDARITY. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION THIS TOPIC, BUT NOTHING NEW EMERGED. BRUCE DREW FULLY ON SECOND SENTENCE REFTTEL.

-- ATTENDANCE: A NUMBER OF PERMREPS STILL ADVOCATE SIX PERSONS
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PER DELEGATION AT THE RESTRICTED SESSION. BRUCE INDICATED THE U.S. WOULD PREFER FOUR.

-- BILATERALS: ACTING SYG PANSA AND OTHERS ATTACHED GREAT

IMPORTANCE TO ASKING WHETHER USNATO COULD LEARN FROM WASHINGTON WHETHER PRESIDENT FORD WOULD REMAIN IN BRUSSELS AND BE AVAILABLE FOR BILATERALS THROUGHOUT AT LEAST THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 30. BRUCE SAID HE COULD NOT ANSWER THIS, BUT WOULD SEEK ENLIGHTENMENT.

2. SINCE LITTLE HAD BEEN DECIDED DEFINITELY, ALL WERE AGREED THAT A FURTHER EXAMINATION OF SUMMIT PROBLEMS WOULD BE MADE AT THE NAC THE FOLLOWING MORNING (MAY 30).

3. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES DEAN DE STAERCKE WILL PROBABLY SUBMIT A RATHER DETAILED PROPOSAL ON SCHEDULING AND OTHER DETAILS TO THE NAC ON MAY 30.

4. ACTION: NO FURTHER GUIDANCE REQUIRED ON ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO MAY 30 NAC, HOWEVER, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATIONS WASHINGTON MIGHT WISH TO PASS TO ALLIES ON TENTATIVE DURATION OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BRUSSELS. BRUCE

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